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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Note dated July 5, 1973, to Libyan Arab Republic
Government Concerning Bunker Hunt Expropriation

PARTICIPANTS: Allah B. Conant, Attorney,
Bunker Hunt Petroleum Company
J. Dapray Muir, Assistant Legal Adviser
for Economic & Business Affairs

Having received appropriate certified copies of the note dated July 5, (transmitted by our Embassy in Tripoli, July 8, 1973), to the Libyan Arab Republic Government regarding the nationalization of Bunker Hunt's rights and property in Libya, and the appropriate translations of such note, I telephoned Mr. Conant, attorney for Bunker Hunt, to inform him that such copies were ready for forwarding. In accordance with the request of Mr. Newsom (AF), as conveyed to me by Mr. Feldman (L), I told Mr. Conant that, although we would be forwarding the note to him subject to the same conditions set forth in Mr. Casey's letter to Mr. Schuler of August 3, 1973, I wanted him to understand that we did not desire the full text of the note to be released to the press. I told him that the purposes set forth in Mr. Casey's letter contemplated filing the note in court in connection with legal proceedings, and showing the note to companies contemplating the purchase of Sarir crude, but we did not currently interpret such purposes to include release to the press, because of customary practice with respect to diplomatic notes.

Mr. Conant said that he understood and would not release the notes to the press.

CC: L - Mr. Feldman

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